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*Report from Matanzas—Inspection of vessels—Diphtheria—Precautionary detention of steamship Matanzas from Tampico.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, October 17, as follows:

During the week ended October 15, 1904, bills of health were issued to 2 vessels leaving for the United States in good sanitary condition.

The American steamship *Matanzas* which arrived in this port from Tampico, via Habana, October 10, was held in precautionary quarantine while in this harbor. No sickness appeared aboard this vessel up to October 13, when she cleared for New York direct.

Two cases of diphtheria have been reported during the week.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

*Reports from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Mortuary statistics—Severe storm.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, October 12, as follows:

During the week ended October 8, 1904, bill of health was issued to 1 vessel bound for the United States.

No quarantinable disease has been reported.

*Mortuary report for the week ended October 8, 1904.*

Causes of death.	Number of deaths.	Bertillon number.
Tuberculosis .....	1	27
Cancer of uterus .....	1	42
Myelitis, diffuse .....	1	63
Cerebral hemorrhage .....	1	64
Cerebral softening .....	1	65
Organic heart disease .....	1	79
Broncho-pneumonia .....	1	92
Pneumonia .....	2	93
Gangrene of lung .....	1	96
Gastro-enteritis .....	1	105
Total .....	11	

Annual rate of mortality for the week, 12.57 per 1,000; estimated population, 45,500.

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Last week there was a severe storm. The rain fell all day on the 13th and 14th. On the 15th the wind blew very hard, principally from the southwest, with occasional showers. On the 16th the wind was much milder, but continued all day; there were two or three light showers. This is what we felt of the cyclone that passed south of Jamaica, going west, and crossing Cuba from south to north near Cienfuegos. It interfered considerably with shipping.

I inclose the weekly abstract of bills of health issued and the mortality statistics for the week.